

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #76B7

Building Date: ca. 1850, 1900

Building Name: Kildare

Location: 2505 Brinkley Road, Fort Washington, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

Kildare is a two-story brick gable roofed dwelling with a "T" shaped plan. The L-shaped main block has a two story brick east wing, completing the "T" shape. The house is located high on a hill overlooking the Rosecroft raceway, to its south. It is surrounded by rolling terrain that is fenced for horse pasture and is reached by a long, tree-lined gravel entry drive. The south main facade is sheltered by a two-story flat-roofed porch supported by Tuscan Doric columns. There are entry doors in the first and fifth bays, of six panels surmounted by a four-light transom. The doors flank three 9/6 double-hung sash windows with sills of brick headers. The arrangement of doors and windows on the second story is the same. Kildare is of whitepainted brick. The roofing is weathered asphalt shingle. The crown-molded cornice is returned in the gable ends. The narrow east wing is slightly lower in height than the main block, and is probably the earlier portion of the house. It is laid in common bond. The three bay south (main) elevation has 6/6 sash windows with Jack arch lintels on the first story. The land around the house slopes down on all sides. The entry drive branches off with a lane running south of the house, through a farm yard. The six frame agricultural outbuildings clustered around the farm lane are all in good repair, painted white with red metal roofs.

Significance

Kildare is significant as a plantation house with a long history, in the Oxon Hill District of the County. It is a large white-painted brick building standing high atop a hill, making it a local landmark. In the mid-twentieth century it was the home of the William Miller family, who developed and promoted Rosecroft Raceway, located just south of the house. Kildare was constructed in two sections. The original three story, three- by-two bay brick dwelling dates to the second quarter of the 19th century. A large ell-shaped west and north addition was constructed in the first decade of the twentieth century, more than doubling the size of the house. The early structure has been altered so that its original orientation is not apparent. In 1854 Dr. Peter Heiskell purchased 320 acres of Tolson's Purchase from George S. Tolson. The original block of the house was constructed by Tolson or by Heiskell shortly after he acquired the property. Dr. Peter Heiskell died in 1893, but the property continued in family ownership through 1945. After the death of Jesse L. Heiskell in 1942, Kildare was acquired by William E. Miller, founder of the William E. Miller Furniture Company. Miller established the Rosecroft Raceway south of the house, on part of the property, and resided at Kildare. After the death of Miller's widow in 1972 the property passed to Riggs National Bank as part of a Trust agreement.

Acreeage: 102 acres

city, town Upper Marlboro **state** Maryland

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The five-bay south main facade has a long vista to the south, as it stands at the edge of a high hillside. The facade is sheltered by a two-story flat-roofed porch supported by Tuscan Doric columns. The first story has a brick patio at ground level. There are entry doors in the first and fifth bays, of six panels surmounted by a four-light transom. The doors flank three 9/6 double-hung sash windows with sills of brick headers. The arrangement of doors and windows on the second story is the same. There is a balustrade of plain rectangular balusters on the second story porch.

Kildare is of white-painted brick. The roofing is weathered asphalt shingle. The crown-molded cornice is returned in the gable ends. The west elevation is an unfenestrated gable end with two louvered half-lunettes flanking the exterior corbelled brick chimney at loft level.

The north elevation of the main block is approximately four bays. The northeast bay is dominated by a large two-story brick gable roof wing set perpendicular to the main block, forming an "L". The wing is 2' x 2 bays, with 9/6 sash windows on the first story and 6/6 sash on the second story. There are high evergreen trees growing on the northwest side of the house, infilling the L and obscuring the facades.

The two-bay north gable end of the rear wing has 2/2 sash windows flanking a narrow exterior brick chimney centered on the facade. There are louvered half-lunette openings flanking the chimney at loft level. There are two narrow rectangular windows with brick header sills at foundation level.

The east side of the dwelling is complex due to the many additions. There is a narrow 3 x 2 bay two-story gable roof brick wing projecting from the east end of the main block, completing the building's "T" shaped plan. The resulting ell between this east wing and the north (rear) wing is infilled by a one-story shed roofed frame addition covered with German siding and having a north-facing porch.

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The narrow east wing is slightly lower in height than the main block, and is probably the earlier portion of the house. It is laid in common bond. The three bay south (main) elevation is set back from the main block. There are 6/6 sash windows with Jack arch lintels on the first story. The second story windows have wooden lintels and sills. Two small square 3/3 sash windows are located over the second and third bays at loft level. The narrow east gable end of the wing has a returned cornice and two square 2/2 sash windows at loft level. The wall surface has been covered with stucco. The first story is covered by the frame one-story infill addition which wraps around the east gable end and has an east entry door.

The land around the house slopes down on all sides. The entry drive branches off with a lane running south of the house, through a farm yard. The six frame agricultural outbuildings clustered around the farm lane are all in good repair, painted white with red metal roofs. They all date to the twentieth century. There is also a smaller residence in this cluster.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify Sports)

Specific dates ca. 1850, 1900

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Kildare is significant as a plantation house with a long history, in the Oxon Hill District of the County. It is a large white-painted brick building standing high atop a hill, making it a local landmark. In the mid-twentieth century it was the home of the William Miller family, who developed and promoted Rosecroft Raceway, located just south of the house.

Kildare was constructed in two sections. The original three story, three-by-two bay brick dwelling dates to the second quarter of the 19th century. A large ell-shaped west and north addition was constructed in the first decade of the twentieth century, more than doubling the size of the house. The early structure has been altered so that its original orientation is not apparent.

In 1854 Dr. Peter Heiskell purchased 320 acres of Tolson's Purchase from George S. Tolson.¹ The original block of the house was constructed by Tolson or by Heiskell shortly after he acquired the property. During the Heiskell ownership the property became known as Kildare.²

Dr. Peter Heiskell died in 1893, but the property continued in family ownership through 1945. Significant improvements were made to the property in 1898, 1912 and in 1927, indicating that the large ell-shaped block was probably added during that range of time.³

After the death of Jesse L. Heiskell in 1942, Kildare was acquired by William E. Miller, founder of the William E. Miller Furniture Company. Miller established the Rosecroft Raceway south of the house, on part of the property, and resided at Kildare.⁴ After the death of Miller's widow in 1972 the property passed to Riggs National Bank as part of a Trust agreement. It is presently tenant occupied.

The house and property is in a portion of the county experiencing rapid suburban development. There are garden apartment complexes to the north and east. The house stands as a landmark and reminder of the formerly rural, agrarian character of the area.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Land Records, EWB 1:92
- 2 Prince George's County Tax Assessment Records, 12th District, 1850, 1861.
- 3 Tax Assessment Records, 12th District, 1895, 1898, 1912-15, 1927-30.
- 4 Land Records, 794:101; and Washington Star, 20 December 1972, Obituary, Alice Miller.

Other Sources

Bowie, Effie Gwynn, Across the Years in Prince George's County, Garrett and Massie, Inc., Richmond, VA. 1947, pgs. 365-367.

Report on Kildare prepared ca. 1979 by:

Wallace, McHarg, Roberts and Todd
Urban and Ecological Planners
1737 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 102 Acres

Quadrangle name Anacostia D

Tax map 96

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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date June 1988

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state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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1702435504NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Kildare or Dr. Peter Heiskel House					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Brinkley Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Oxen Hill					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC					
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments			
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission					
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The east wing of the house is older, probably dating from the mid-nineteenth century. It is 3 stories, with flat arched windows on the first floor, wooden lintels over the second floor windows, and small two-light windows under the eaves on the third floor. This wing is laid up in common bond, which is stuccoed ^{on} over the north (rear) facade.

The west wing is frame but has been covered with brick veneer and has a new two story porch.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATES (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itorion | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INST. UCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC	DATE: 4/11/73
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

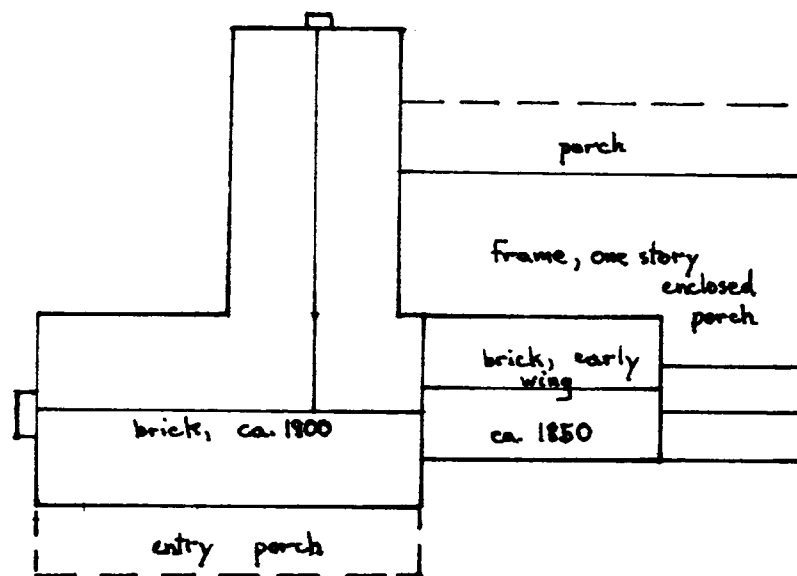
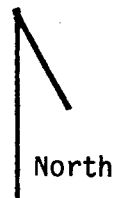
National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

Chain of Title
Kildare
P.G. #76B-7

4852:185 21 Oct. 1977 Deed	Frances L. Miller to Riggs National Bank as per Trust agreement 1974.
4443:311 29 Nov. 1974 Deed	Frances L. Miller, devisee under will of John W. Miller, to Riggs National Bank.
3590:304 8 May 1968 Deed	Alice V. Miller, widow, to John W. and Frances L. Miller, same acquired from will of William E. Miller.
794:101 13 Aug. 1945 Deed	Adrian Fisher and Thomas M. Gettings, Trustees to William E. Miller. By Equity 13984, Elaine Heiskill vs. Edward V. Heiskill, Trustees appointed to sell property. Includes Kildare and Beech Hill Farms, 420 acres. Same Jesse Heiskill acquired from his mother Hester Heiskill.
360:340 26 Dec. 1930 Deed	Raymond Heiskill and James R. Heiskill to Jesse L. Heiskill. Grantor's interest in Kildare.
Admin. #1478 15 Feb. 1893	Admin. of Dr. Peter H. Heiskill, died 1893 at Kildare, intestate. Jesse L. Heiskill administrator. Leaves seven children and widow Hester Heiskill.
EWB 1:92 8 Dec. 1854 Indenture	George S. and Eliza Tolson to Dr. Peter H. Heiskill, Tolson's Purchase and Spriggs Addition to Tolson's Purchase, 320-1/2 acres, for \$7,000.
AB 1:348 1 Nov. 1831 Equity	Henry Tolson vs. Alexander H. Tolson and George S. Tolson. Frances Tolson died 29 Aug. 1824. Left a total of 1912 acres. Property to be divided equally into six parts. George S. Tolson assigned Lot #1, 320-1/2 acres, part of Tolson's Purchase.

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Kildare
exterior plan
not to scale
spring 1988



Topographic map showing contour lines, roads, and buildings. Key features include:

- P.G.#76B-6 St. Ignatius**: A building complex with an adjacent parking area and an unpaved entry drive.
- P.G.#76B-7 Kildare**: A site plan area with a scale of 1" = 400'.
- 20th century farm outbuildings**: A cluster of structures including a garage and a house.
- Roads**: ST. IGNATIUS DR., BRINKLEY, ROSECROFT, GLEN, and a road labeled ROAD.
- Contour Lines**: Elevation markers ranging from 175 to 256 feet.
- Grid System**: Coordinates including 11,000 E, 131,000 N, and 132,000 N.

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Kildare.¹⁶⁴
Site plan
1" = 400'

P.G.#76B-6
St. Ignatius

unpaved entry
drive

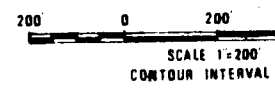
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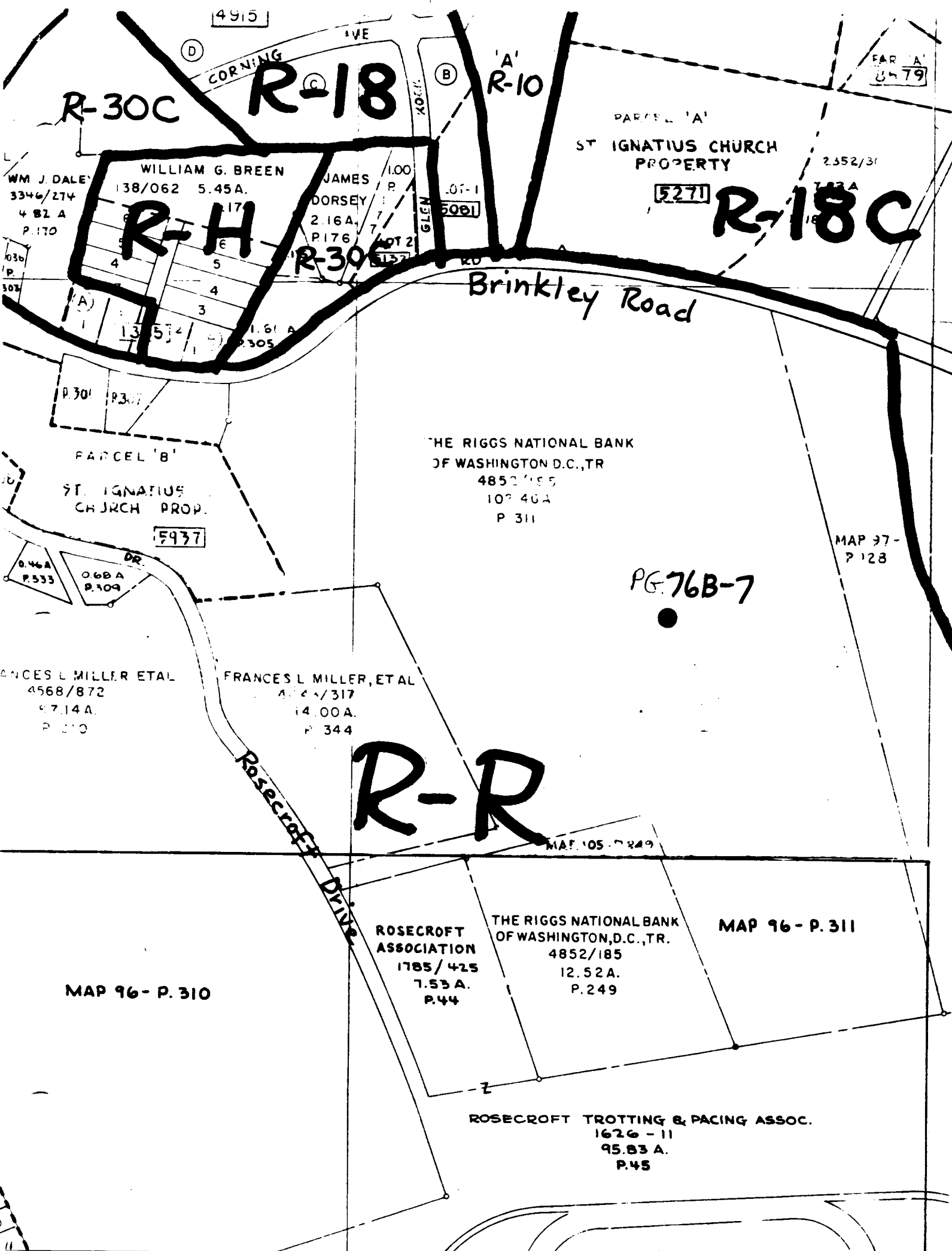
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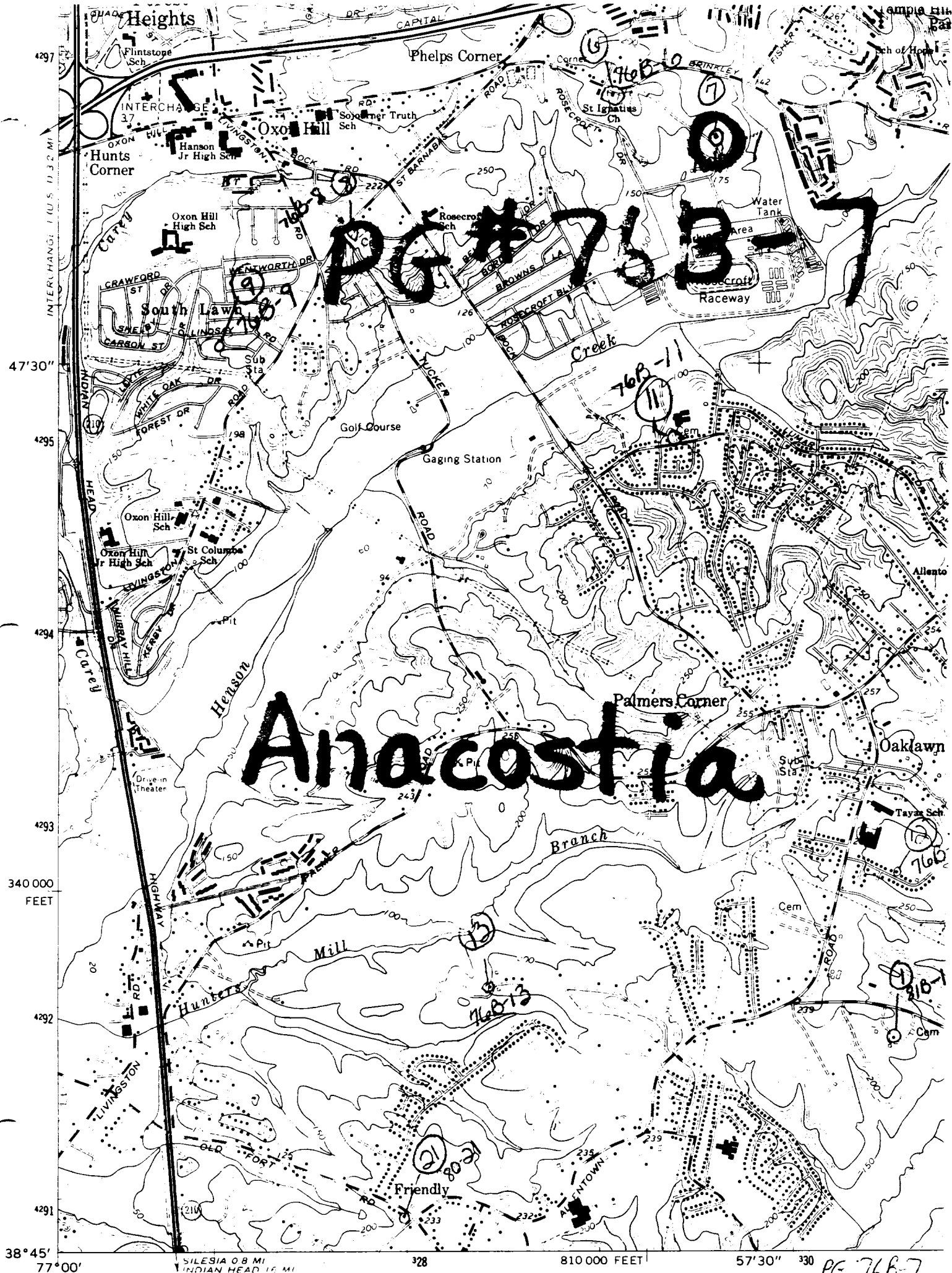


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NAME KILDARE (HEISKELL / MILLER HOUSE) #76B-7

LOCATION S OF BRINKLEY Rd OXON HILL, MD (ABOVE ROSECROFT RACEWAY)

FACADE W WING, SW FACADE

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W/ NEWER BRICK VENEER)